

General Paper Piecing Instructions

1. Trim around paper pattern, leaving a little excess. The block will be trimmed down when the piecing is complete.
2. REMEMBER THESE STEPS: **Fold, Cut, Place, Sew, Press**
 1. Fold on **dotted** line.
 2. Trim edge and cut a piece for the next section of the block.
 3. Place piece properly on the pattern.
 4. Sew on the **solid** line.
 5. Flip and press fabric open.
3. Pin fabric for piece #1 on the back of the marked side of the paper with the right side of the fabric facing out. Make sure the fabric is big enough to cover beyond the edge of the pattern piece (approx. ½ inch bigger on each side).
4. Trim around outside edges and inner edges leaving 1/2" seam allowance beyond the pattern piece line.
5. Fold along the ¼ " seam line (dotted line) and place fabric for #1 and #2 edges together. Unfold paper and sew on the solid line. Piece #1 should be right side facing you, piece #2 should be right side facing away from you (right sides together).
6. Flip piece over and press open, trim as before leaving ½ " seam allowance around edges.
7. Add piece #3 and repeat Steps 3-6. Remember to flip and press before beginning step #3.
8. Continue steps 3-6 until your block is complete.
9. Sew around edge of block, Trim around block. Join to border pieces or together, then take paper off.
10. Some people prefer to take paper off before joining to other pieces, others wait until blocks are set together in a quilt top.